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STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Communicable Diseases—Notification of Cases—Quarantine—Placarding—Instructions. (Chap. 20, Act. Mar. 2, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Chapter 16, Laws of 1901, is hereby amended by striking out sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Any physician or other person called upon to treat smallpox, cholera, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, measles, or any other disease required by the State board of health to be reported, shall report the same immediately to the local board of health of the town in which the disease is found, or to the State board of health, as may be directed by the latter, together with the name, age, and sex of the patient, the head of the family, and the house or place where the said infected person may be found. The attending physician may, if he deems it necessary, quarantine the patient or enforce the regulations of the State board of health pending the reporting of the disease as required.

“SEC. 2. Whenever any person knows or has reason to believe that any member of his family or household has either of the diseases named in section 1, or any other disease required to be reported, he shall, if no physician is in attendance, immediately notify the local board of health of the town or city in which he resides.

“SEC. 3. The board of health, upon being notified of the existence of either of the diseases required to be reported under the provisions of section 1 of this act, shall take such action with respect to quarantine and instructions to the family as may have been promulgated by the State board of health for the control of that particular disease, and it shall be the duty of local boards of health to enforce all rules and regulations established by the State board of health for the restriction and prevention of such disease or diseases.

“SEC. 4. The State board of health shall cause to be printed, for the use of local boards of health, quarantine cards or notices containing such orders or instructions as may be deemed necessary or advisable. No person shall remove, deface, or destroy a quarantine card or notice when posted by the local board of health, and said card shall remain in place until its removal is authorized by the local board of health.

“SEC. 5. Upon the appearance of either of the diseases required by the law or by the State board of health to be reported, the local board of health shall make an immediate report to the State board of health upon blanks furnished for that purpose, and shall thereafter make weekly reports so long as the disease continues, and shall make such additional reports as the State board of health may require.”

Ophthalmia Neonatorum—Notification of Cases. (Chap. 85, Act Mar. 31, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Should one or both eyes of an infant become inflamed, swollen, and red, and show an unusual discharge at any time within two weeks after its birth, it shall be the duty of the attending midwife, nurse, relative, or other attendant treating or having charge of such infant to report in writing, within six hours thereafter, to the